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ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLA

Note by the Administrator

I. BACKGROUND

1. The second extension of the second country programme for Angola was approved by the Governing Council in its decision 93/20 of 18 June 1993.

2. As a result of the resumption of the armed conflict in October 1992, following the first democratic elections in Angola, it has not been feasible to proceed with the formulation of the third country programme.

3. In view of the fact that the objectives of the second country programme are now obsolete, the Government has requested that United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) assistance be provided on a case-by-case basis until further notice.

4. During 1994, UNDP activities will be based on a short-term action plan while initiating the formulation of the third country programme covering the period 1995-1997: the plan is based on three main areas of concentration prepared in collaboration with the Government:

(a) Support to national capacity-building through institutional and human resources development, including the promotion of aid coordination and assessment of national capacities. In agreement with General Assembly resolution 48/202 of 21 December 1993, UNDP will support the process of preparing and organizing a donor's round-table conference;

(b) Support to sustainable human development and to the democratization process, with special focus on support to national entities in the advancement of human rights, democracy and governance as well as operationalization of

sustainable human development. Environment and the strengthening of the private sector will continue to be areas of special attention;

(c) Support to emergency relief and humanitarian assistance, facilitating the transition to rehabilitation/reconstruction and development with special emphasis on support to demobilization; reintegration and resettlement of displaced persons, returnees and demobilized soldiers; and demining.

II. EXECUTIVE BOARD ACTION

5. In view of the above, the Executive Board may wish to:

Authorize the Administrator to approve assistance to Angola on a case-by-case basis within the financial limitations of its established indicative planning figure framework.

The Administrator assures the Board that the situation will be reviewed on a continuing basis and that regular country programming will be resumed as soon as conditions permit.